

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

Limited Government - The bill will reduce access to public records.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation:

Section 288.1067, F.S., provides that certain information held by the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, Enterprise Florida, Inc., or county or municipal governmental entities and their employees or agents pursuant to incentive programs for qualified businesses¹ is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1), F.S., and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The information so exempted includes:

- An employer's federal employer identification number, unemployment compensation account number, and Florida sales tax registration number;
- Trade secret information as defined in s. 812.081, F.S.;
- The percentage of non-state sales and the percentage of gross receipts from certain Department of Defense contracts;
- Anticipated wages for new jobs to be created;
- The average wage paid by the business for new jobs created, detailed proprietary business information or employee personal identifying information used to demonstrate wage and job creation requirements;
- Proprietary business information regarding capital investment in certain circumstances; and
- The amount of Florida taxes paid.

Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill expands the public records exemption provided in s. 288.1067, F.S., to include information held by the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, Enterprise Florida, Inc., or county or municipal governmental entities and their employees or agents pursuant to s. 288.1089, F.S., the "Innovation Incentive Program" created by HB 1283.

The bill provides for future review and repeal of the expanded exemption on October 2, 2011, provides a public necessity statement and provides an effective date contingent on the passage of HB 1283 or similar legislation.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 288.1067, F.S., to expand the existing public records exemption to include information held pursuant to the Innovation Incentive Program under s. 288.1089, F.S.

Section 2. Provides a public necessity statement.

Section 3. Provides a July 1, 2006 effective date contingent on the passage of HB 1283 or similar legislation.

¹ The incentive programs are the Capital Investment Tax Credit Program (s. 220.191), Qualified Defense Contractor Tax Refund Program (s. 288.1045), Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund Program (s. 288.106), High Impact Performance Grant Program (s. 288.108) and the Quick Action Closing Fund (s. 288.1088).

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues: None.
2. Expenditures: See Fiscal Comments.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues: None.
2. Expenditures: See Fiscal Comments.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The bill likely could create a fiscal impact on state and local governments, because staff responsible for complying with public records requests will require training relating to the newly created public records exemption. In addition, state and local governments could incur costs associated with redacting the exempt information prior to releasing a record.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds. The bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities. The bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities have to raise revenue.

2. Other:

Vote Requirement

Article I, s. 24(c) of the Florida Constitution, requires a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting for passage of a newly created public records or public meetings exemption. The bill creates a public records exemption. Thus, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Public Necessity Statement

Article I, s. 24(c) of the Florida Constitution, requires a statement of public necessity (public necessity statement) for a newly created public records or public meetings exemption. The bill creates a public records exemption. Thus, it includes a public necessity statement.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES